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SUBJECT: SENEGAL RECOMMITTS ITSELF TO THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS, WILL ADHERE TO UNITED NATIONS COVENANTS

REF: STATE 62223; STATE 64799

1. PASSAGE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 17 UN ADDRESS
LOOKING TOWARD US RATIFICATION OF UN COVENANT ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND COVENANT ON CIVIL AND

POLITICAL RIGHTS IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN DAKAR SINCE, IN
LATE FEBRUARY MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR,
NATIONAL CABINET COUNCIL ADOPTED DRAFT LAW AUTHORIZING SENEGAL'S
ADHESION TO THESE COVENANTS. SENEGAL ALSO WILL ADHERE TO
OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO LATTER AGREEMENT.

2. IN FEBRUARY 23 OFFICIAL STATEMENT ANNOUNCING ITS
DECISION, THE GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL POINTED OUT THAT
"THESE COVENANTS OBLIGE THE RATIFYING COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE
AND PROTECT VERY DIVERSE HUMAN RIGHTS, WHILE THE OPTIONAL
PROVISIONS ESTABLISH PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH PRIVATE INDIVID-
UALS AS WELL AS STATES WHICH ALLEGE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
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CAN BRING LEGAL ACTION." COMMENTARY NOTED THAT
OPTIONAL PROTOCOL EMPOWERS HUMAN RIGHTS/COMMISSION
TO EXAMINE COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE VICTIMS
OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY MEMBER STATES.

3. GOS STATEMENT ALSO EMPHASIZED CLAUSE IN COVENANT
ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS WHICH SETS FORTH FIGHT

OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO ENJOY AND
SHARE FULLY AND FREELY IN THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES.

4. GOS STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT "SENEGAL, HAVING
ALWAYS SUBSCRIBED TO ALL THE DISPOSITIONS (OF THESE
COVENANTS AND UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS),
WHICH HAVE APPEARED ALL THE WHILE IN ITS CONSITIUTION,
HAS TENACIOUSLY DEFENDED THE LEGITIMATE CAUSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS. THE ADHESION OF OUR COUNTRY TO THESE CONVENANTS
WILL ONLY REINFORCE ITS POSITION AS A DEFENDER OF HUMAN
RIGHTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE."

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